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TO:

LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES EMPLOYEE HOUSING PERATORS INTERESTED PARTIES (EH)

DIVISION STAFF

SUBJECT:

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS PERMITTING TENTS TO BE USED AT

LOWER TEMPERATURES FOR EMPLOYEE HOUSING

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) received a petition from the City of Healdsburg requesting a waiver of regulations prohibiting the use of tents when the temperature falls below 60° Fahrenheit. Current regulations specify that tents may not be used if heating equipment is required to maintain a minimum temperature of 60° Fahrenheit within the tent.

On July 14, 1992 the Department held a Fact-Finding Hearing at which time written and oral testimony was received. After reviewing the testimony, the Department filed the emergency regulations printed on the reverse.

On August 20, 1992, the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) approved the Department's emergency regulations permitting tents to be used for employee housing when temperatures are as low as  $50^{\circ}$  Fahrenheit.

If you have any questions, please contact M.E. King, Chief, Housing Standards, Division of Codes and Standards at (916) 445-9471 or write to the above address.

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## CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

## Title 25, Chapter 1

Subchapter 3, Article 6, Subarticle 9.

Amend Section 910 to read: 910. Tents.

- (a) The tents provided by the operator shall not be used to house occupants unless such tents are maintained with tight wooden floors raised at least four inches (10.1 centimeters) above the ground level and are equipped with baseboards on all sides to a height of at least six inches (15.2 centimeters) or maintained with concrete slabs with the finished surface at least four inches (10.1 centimeters) above grade and equipped with curbs on all sides at least six inches (15.2 centimeters) high.
- (b) A tent shall not be considered a suitable sleeping place when it is found necessary to provide heating facilities in order to maintain a minimum temperature of  $60~50^{\circ}$  Fahrenheit ( $15.5~10^{\circ}$  Celsius) within such tent during the period of occupancy.

NOTE: Authority citea: sections 17003.5 and 17040, 17041, and 17050, Health and Safety Code. Reference Sections: 17040 and 17041, Health and Safety Code.